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The Superintendent is empowered to close the schools or adjust hours in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the health or safety of students and personnel.

In making the decision to close schools, the Superintendent shall consider many factors, including the following principal ones relating to the fundamental concern for the safety and health of children:

weather conditions, both existing and predicted;

driving, traffic and parking conditions affecting public and private transportation facilities;

and the actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition which would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous.

Students, parents and staff shall be informed early in each school year of the procedures which will be used to notify them in case of emergency closings. When schools are closed to students for emergency reasons, staff members shall comply with regulations in reporting for work.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-16

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Procedures for Closing School Due to Inclement Weather Conditions

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When the decision to close school has been made because of inclement weather or other hazardous condition, Announcements will be released for immediate broadcast by radio stations and television. In the absence of the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent is authorized to make such school closing decisions.

Parents, students and employees are asked to refrain from calling the central office for information on emergency school closings.

Localized conditions within Meriden may make attendance at the regular time hazardous at certain schools. Parents must exercise their own discretion in sending children in such cases. In such situations, a written excuse from the parent will enable the student to make up any homework missed.

An Interschool Emergency Communication System will be updated annually and sent to all schools.

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